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DOMESTIC SALT FISH MARKET

There is a little more action this week in the New York market for dried fish, but the orders are small comparatively, and not much of a Lent call has been shown so far, says the Fishing Gazette of last week. Prices remain steady and the holders seem confident that the demand will improve considerably as the season advances.

Lunenburg holders are now asking \$5.80 for bank fish ex vessel Lunenburg but Halifax merchants are only willing to take \$5.50 delivered Halifax and they are not too keen on buying even at these figures as they say there is a prospect of still lower prices before the new season opens, says the "Maritime Merchant." The Porto Rico market has been very disappointing of late. Recent shipments have found a congested condition of supplies and have shown a loss to the exporter. Jamaica, another market for Lunenburg fish, is also doing poorly at the present time, and in the other British islands there is never the same prospect for our fish as in the places mentioned, by reason of the fact that they get more or less from Newfoundland. Cuba is about the only West India market today that is treating us fairly and her needs of bank fish are relatively less than the other islands. Taking these facts for what they are worth, therefore, it does appear that our prospects in the West Indies are not very encouraging at the present time.

Other foreign fish markets are said to be as follows: Northern Brazil, weaker, and no sales possible at present; Mediterranean fairly good for first quality shore fish, of which there is a great scarcity. Other markets generally weaker, except for very high grade stock. There has been a break in values of French fish recently. The French catch was 50 per cent short last year, and an effort was made to hold it for high figures. A few days ago, however, the agreement between the holders was burst and now prices are much lower than a few weeks ago. There is nothing new to be said of pickled fish.

THE PACIFIC HALIBUT CATCH

During the year of 1912 there were 651 persons employed in all branches of the Pacific halibut industry. The total investment was \$1,194,073. The prepared weight of the catch amounted to 17,315,171 pounds, which sold for \$822,362, a small increase in the total over 1910, but a slight decrease in the output of southeast Alaska. There was a slight falling off in the number of vessel fishermen while there was little over half the number of shore fishermen employed. With this may be noted a marked decrease in the number of small launches, bringing about a slightly smaller total investment in the fishery in spite of a heavier valuation of the larger vessels and shore property. In this connection it should be stated that the shipments reported by the Puget Sound fleet operating in Alaska fell from 3,531,644 pounds, in 1910, to 2,339,379 pounds in 1911. These figures may indicate the beginning of a depletion of the southeast Alaska in-shore halibut banks. Central Alaska this year furnished 89,479 pounds, the first product of the western banks.

With a catch of 95,000 pounds of halibut the fishing sch. Idaho, Capt. Thomas P. Quinn, reached Seattle recently from southeastern Alaska waters, completing her maiden voyage to the north. The vessel was out over a month, but was unable to start fishing until January 29 on account of rough weather.

Preserving Fish.

Considerable interest is manifested at the present time in the extension or increase of cold storage facilities for preservation of Alaska fish products, the Fishing Gazette says. One company is being organized in Seattle to establish a cold storage plant at Icy Strait about 100 miles north from Sitka. It will consist of a cold storage ship and freezing plant run by water power. A plant established at the place can take care of fish products from the salmon traps

nearby, such as halibut, cod, plaice and other varieties which for some time have been thrown away to the extent of many thousands of pounds yearly. The enterprise if successful, will lead to the establishment of others of a similar kind. Skill in handling and proper facilities to handle the products quickly are the main essentials. A product of two million pounds should be secured each summer.

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HALIBUT FARE AT T WHARF TODAY

Sch. Quannapowitt In With Small Fare, Strikes a Falling Market.

The T wharf fleet this morning consists of 12 sailing vessels and one steam trawler, although no real large fares are reported in the lot.

Sch. Quannapowitt, Capt. Daniel McDonald, has a fare of 14,000 pounds of fresh halibut and 9000 pounds of cod. The former sold at 14 cents a pound for white and 10 cents a pound for gray.

Of the off shores in, sch. Mary C. Santos has 58,000 pounds; steamer Swell, 27,000 haddock, 4000 scrod and 3000 cod.

Haddock sold at \$2.75 to \$3.50 a hundred weight, large cod, \$4 to \$4.50; market cod, \$2 to \$2.50; hake, \$4 to \$7; pollock, \$3.50 to \$4.

Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are: Sch. Quannapowitt, 9000 cod, 14,000 halibut.

Str. Swell, 31,000 haddock, 3000 cod.

Sch. Matchless, 47,000 haddock, 900 cod.

Sch. Josephine DeCosta, 12,000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Manomet, 6000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1500 hake.

Sch. Evelyn M. Thompson, 7000 haddock, 500 cod, 5000 hake, 1000 cusk.

Sch. James and Esther, 5500 haddock, 2000 cod, 14,000 hake, 1500 cusk, 2000 pollock.

Sch. Mary F. Sears, 15,000 haddock, 1400 cod.

Sch. Annie and Jennie, 1200 haddock, 200 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. W. M. Goodspeed, 13,000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Mary C. Santos, 56,000 haddock, 2300 cod.

Sch. Natalie J. Nelson, 20,000 haddock, 400 cod, 1200 hake.

Sch. Annie Pery, 1200 haddock, 3000 cod.

Haddock, \$2.75 to \$3.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$4 to \$4.50; market cod, \$2 to \$2.50; hake, \$4 to \$7; pollock, \$3.50 to \$4; halibut, 14 cents for white and 10 cents for gray.

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Foreign Salt Fish.

According to Norwegian reports, published by Farmand, the cod fisheries of Finnmarken were hampered by rough weather during the first week of February. Full official reports for the season are not yet at hand, but the returns received are generally satisfactory. The reports of the Norwegian codfish catch for the season to January 25 give a total of 5,093,000 cod, as compared with 5,605,000 at corresponding date in 1912. Of this quantity 4,525,000 have been salted for split fish, as against 3,766,000 last year while 437,000 have been hung for stockfish the corresponding figure in 1912 being 1,771,000. The figures for Finnmarken, by far the most important district at this time, refer only to the period ending December 31, up to when the catch was 8,614,765 kilogrammes, or 3,197,000 fish—a larger figure than for any season except last, when the total was about 4,000,000 fish. This season a larger proportion have been salted for split fish—viz, 2,846,000—while 273,000 have been hung for stockfish, or 800,000 less than last season. In Tromsø Amt the catch was better than for many years and at Yttersiden 932,000 cod were taken, as against 742,000 last year and 57,000 (to February 4) in 1911. The indications are that the catch will not be quite so large this season as in 1912, but that the quantity of split fish prepared will be greater.

Halibut Sale.

The halibut fare of sch. John Hays Hammond sold to the American Halibut Company yesterday at 7 1/4 cents a pound right through.

PORTLAND CRAFT CAUGHT IN ICE

After an absence of 35 days the fishing schooner Angie B. Watson, hailing from Portland, returned Tuesday from Brown's banks, reporting the severest weather of her career. Four days she was imprisoned in the ice of Yarmouth, bay and escaped only with the aid of a tug boat which had to be called to break way through for her.

Capt. Skofield reported the loss of 25 tubs of gear on account of the severe weather and the rough bottom that was encountered.

The Watson left Portland on the 18th of last January and on the 17th of this month she put into Yarmouth, N. S., for a harbor for the night. During the night the temperature dropped to below zero and in the morning the schooner found herself frozen in hard and fast. For four days she was helpless, her own auxiliary power being insufficient to free her from the ice that bound her. A tug was sent for and on Thursday the schooner was again clear and she set out at once for Brown's banks where she began fishing again. Fortune favored her on this occasion and when she arrived at Portland she had 30,000 mixed fish aboard, the largest fare that has been brought to this port by a single vessel this winter. She started for home last Saturday.

GEORGESMAN LOST RUDDER

Sch. Senator Saulsbury, Capt. William Sloan, a Georges handliner, on her way from the Georges banks to Portland, lost her rudder while at sea, and it was with the greatest difficulty that she was able to reach Rockland Tuesday morning. She brought in 6000 pounds of halibut and about 1000 large cod which Capt. Sloan sold by telephone to J. W. Trefethen & Co. of Portland and shipped to Portland by rail.

LAKE FISHERMEN VOTE TO STRIKE

Orders for an immediate strike of the members of the Great Lakes Fishermen's Association were sent out from Cleveland, Ohio, Wednesday evening. A strike vote of the 1080 members of the union taken Wednesday night showed only 11 members opposed to a walkout.

Fish dealers Monday refused a compromise wage scale offered by the fishermen asking for an increase of from 15 to 25 cents a day conceding an 11-hour day.

English Fish Consumption.

According to a writer in the "English Statistical Journal," the total English consumption of fish may now be placed at \$60,000,000 yearly. This value is probably multiplied two or three fold by the time it reaches the consumer. The United Kingdom produces about half the quantity and value of sea fish produced by all the countries bordering on the North Sea and the Baltic. The total yield of the fisheries of all these countries in 1909 was about 46,400,000 cwt. (cwt.—112 pounds), valued at \$96,842,000. The British and Irish output landed in the United Kingdom amounted to nearly 22,500,000 cwt., valued at \$52,023,000 so that of the total value British fishing boats produced considerably over half.

The large amount of fish consumed in the United Kingdom is due it would seem, to the widespread taste for that article of food, together with the speedy distribution of the fish in a fresh condition and the superior purchasing power of the British inhabitants on the whole compared with Continental nations. The production of the British fishing fleet continues to increase, and the figures just issued by the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries for England and Wales for the year 1912 are the largest on record.

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They show a wonderful expansion as compared with some years ago. The principal catches were: Herring, 5,377,149, against 4,995,976 cwt. in 1911; cod, 2,486,801, against 2,562,182 cwt. in 1911; haddock, 1,972,652, against 2,114,287 cwt. in 1911; plaice, 834,213 against 986,165 cwt. in 1911.

The most important fish landed is the herring, but a very large amount is expected as skippers or bloaters, and the domestic consumption is, perhaps, less than the consumption of codfish, haddock, or plaice. According to the official statistics, exports of cured or salted herring from the United Kingdom last year amounted to \$22,290,000, against \$20,575,600 in 1911, and \$18,119,000 in 1910. Exports of other salted and cured fish amounted to \$4,487,300, and of fresh fish of all sorts to \$5,850,000. Imports of all kinds of fresh fish were valued at \$4,983,200 and of fish cured or salted at \$5,280,000.

Another New One.

A new schooner for Capt. Benjamin Cook of Lunenburg, will be launched at that place this week.

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TRADE STILL HOLDING GOOD

Fourteen Trips at T Wharf This Morning—Prices Are Very Fair.

Fourteen fresh fares arrived at T wharf since yesterday's report, seven being from off shore with fair sized trips of mostly haddock and cod.

Trade was good, prices remaining about the same as yesterday. The largest fares are schs. A. Platt Andrew, 35,000 pounds; Mildred Robinson, 60,000 pounds; Gov. Foss, 50,000 pounds; Alice, 46,000 pounds; Imperator, 55,000 pounds; Aloha, 45,000 pounds; steam trawler Ripple, 20,000 haddock, 2000 scrod, 4500 cod.

Wholesale prices on haddock were \$2.50 to \$3.50 a hundred pounds, large cod, \$4, market cod, hake, \$4 to \$7, pollock, \$3.50 to \$4, cusk, \$1.05 and halibut, 16 cents and 17 cents a pound.

Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are: Sch. A. Platt Andrew, 27,000 haddock, 5800 cod, 400 halibut.

Sch. Mildred Robinson, 45,500 haddock, 10,000 cod, 100 hake, 5000 pollock.

Sch. Gov. Foss, 45,000 haddock, 3500 cod, 500 hake, 200 pollock, 300 halibut.

Sch. Matthew S. Greer, 20,000 haddock, 200 cod.

Sch. Harriett, 3500 haddock, 1000 cod, 200 hake.

Str. Ripple, 22,000 haddock, 4500 cod.

Sch. Alice, 20,000 haddock, 13,000 cod, 10,000 hake, 3000 cusk, 500 pollock.

Sch. Imperator, 45,000 haddock, 1300 cod, 10,000 cusk, 700 halibut.

Sch. Aloha, 38,000 haddock, 1400 cod, 7000 cusk.

Sch. Louise R. Sylvia, 15,000 haddock, 800 cod, 3000 hake.

Sch. Fitz A. Oakes, 3000 cod.

Sch. M. Madeleine, 5000 cod.

Sch. Massasoit, 1500 cod, 1000 pollock.

Sch. Yankee, 2000 haddock, 800 cod, 1000 hake.

Haddock, \$2.50 to \$3.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$4; market, \$2; hake, \$4 to \$7; pollock, \$3.50 to \$4; cusk, \$1.05; halibut 17 cents for white and 16 cents for gray.

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Fishing Fleet Movements.

Schs. Yokima Frances P. Mesquito, Fannie E. Prescott and Gladys and Nellie, arrived at Liverpool Tuesday last and cleared for fishing.

Sch. Imperator arrived at Shelburne Tuesday last and cleared.

Will Have Auxiliary Power.

Sch. Arthur James will be fitted with two large gasoline engines shortly, so as to be ready for the spring mackerel fishery when the craft starts more happy birthdays to come.

Halibut Sale.

The halibut fare of sch. Monitor sold to the New England Fish Company this morning at 13 cents a pound for white, nine cents for gray and five cents for poor fish.

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HEAVY WEATHER TO THE EASTWARD

Is Reported by Capt. George
Marr of Halibuting Sch.
Monitor.

Sch. Monitor, Capt. George Marr, one of the halibuters, is the only off-shore arrival here this morning. Capt. Marr was absent five weeks on Green Bank, and secured a fare of 24,000 pounds of fresh halibut and 6000 pounds of salt cod.

Capt. Marr reports extremely heavy weather all the time out. There was a succession of gales, with plenty of cold weather and ice, which hampered fishing operations, although the craft came through without damage.

Most of the gill netting fleet were out yesterday, although no real large fares were landed. The day's receipts totalled about 35,000 pounds, the in-shore steamers having two-thirds cod and the remainder mostly haddock, while the big fellows brought in mostly pollock.

Steamer Ethel took a small halibut, weighing about 30 pounds in her nets yesterday.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Monitor, Green Bank, 24,000 lbs. fresh halibut, 6000 lbs. salt cod.
Str. Carrie and Mildred, gill netting, 600 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Robert and Edwin, gill netting, 1100 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Quoddy, gill netting, 1800 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Eagle, gill netting, 400 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Naomi Bruce, gill netting, 500 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Dolphin, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Rough Rider, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Margaret D., gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Swan, gill netting, 500 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Prince Olaf, gill netting, 1200 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Nora B. Robinson, gill netting, 1200 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Enterprise, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Bethulia, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Venture, gill netting, 600 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Philomena, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Hope, gill netting, 400 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Hugo, gill netting, 400 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Sunflower, gill netting, 500 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Anna T., gill netting, 500 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Evelyn, gill netting, 700 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Ethel, gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Gertrude T. gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Seven Brothers, gill netting, 500 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Harold, gill netting, 500 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Mystery, gill netting, 600 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Medomak, gill netting, 600 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. R. J. Kellick, gill netting, 2800 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Lorena, gill netting, 400 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Sawyer, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Mary F. Ruth, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Quannapowitt, via Boston.
Sch. Annie and Jennie, via Boston.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Electric Flash, Boston.
Sch. Knickerbocker, Boston, and returned.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5.25 per cwt.; medium, \$4.75, snappers, \$3.25.
Eastern deck handline codfish, large, \$5.25; medium, \$4.50.
Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.50; mediums, \$3.75. snappers, \$3.
Georges halibut codfish, large, \$4.50; mediums, \$4.
Cusk, large, \$2.25; mediums, \$1.75;

snappers, \$1.25.
Pollock, \$1.50.
Hake, \$1.50.
Haddock, \$1.50.
Newfoundland salt herring, \$3.25 per bbl.
Newfoundland pickled herring, \$5 per bbl.

Fresh Fish.

Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt.
Eastern cod, large, \$2.10; medium, \$1.75; snappers, 75c.
Western cod, large, \$2.15; mediums, \$1.80; snappers, 75c.
All codfish not gilled 10c per 100 pounds less than the above.
Hake, \$1.15.
Cusk, large, \$1.30; mediums, \$1; snappers, 50c.
Dressed pollock, 80c; round, 90c.
Bank halibut, 15c per lb. for white and 11c for gray.
Newfoundland frozen herring, \$2.75 per cwt.

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Preparing for Seal Fishery.

Eleven wooden vessels propelled by steam and aided by square sails in their lofty masts will sail on March 11, and the steel hulled fleet the following morning carrying a total of 3500 men from all parts of Newfoundland, for the seal fishing grounds. Twenty craft constitutes the entire fleet, while in addition the S. S. Seal, which plies between Sydney and Halifax in the summer months, will go commanded by Capt. J. A. Farquhar.

The sealing season lasts until closed by law on May 1st. The sealers return home and take as their wages and shares of the gross receipts from the cargo.

Owners and vessels making up the fleet now fitting out are as follows, all with one exception being owned in Newfoundland:

Job Brothers and Company, Beothic, Nascope, Erik, Diana and Neptune.
Bowring Brothers—Eagle, Viking, Ranger, K ite, Stephano and Florizel.
Harvey's—Bellaventure, Bonaventure, Adventure and Newfoundland.
Beards—Labrador.
Tasca Cook—Lloydson.
Newfoundland Produce Company—Sagona.
Baine, Johnson & Company—Bloodhound Southern Crops.
J. A. Farquhar & Company, Halifax—Seal.

Portland Fishing Notes.

Sch. Titania, which arrived at Portland last week with fish and has since been on the marine railway for repairs, left the way Wednesday and took berth at Commercial wharf while she baits her trawl.

The fish arrivals of Wednesday were the George H. Lube, 12,000; the Top-sail Girl, 6000; the Katie Palmer, 7000; the Edmund F. Black, 3000; Dorcas, 3000; Albert D. Willard, 3000; and the small boats about 10,000. All of the schooners were pretty well iced up when they arrived and reported severe cold weather.

The government fish hatching station at Boothbay Harbor expects to hatch 500,000,000 lobsters during the present year, which will mark a record for that station.

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STILL TALKING RECIPROCITY

The Canadian press evidently is not yet through with discussing reciprocity. The following editorial appeared recently in the Halifax Chronicle:

"The protest which the Gloucester Board of Trade has made to the Ways and Means committee at Washington against a reduction of the duty on fish entering the American market should open the eyes of the fishermen of Nova Scotia to the falsity of the canvass which was used against reciprocity by its opponents in this province. The men who told the Nova Scotia fishermen that the American market would be of no use to them, and that the dried fish trade would be wiped out, because all our fish would be shipped in a green state to the American market, thus depriving Nova Scotians of employment, were simply humbugging the fishermen. The Gloucester Board of Trade, on the contrary, say that they could not compete with Canadian fishermen, and that the lowering of the duties would put the Gloucester fishermen out of business."

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ICE WORKING TO SOUTHWARD

A 200 Mile Field Encountered
in Vicinity of St. Pierre
May Bother Fisherman.

The officers of the cable ship Relay, owned by the Mexican Ship Relay company which arrived at Gran Tuesday after completing repair work round St. Pierre, reported having crossed a large field of ice four feet thick.

The ice was encountered between 44 to 45 north latitude, and cutting diagonally through it the officers estimated that the field was 200 square miles in size.

When plowing through the ship at 2 o'clock one morning came to a stand still and the captain, to make headway sent her astern and then put her full speed ahead and crashed through the packed ice. Time after time this occurred on this occasion and as the large chunks of ice were thrust aside they clung to the ship's side then crashed in on her wake.

One large block caught the rudder, jammed it over and broke the chain and for five or six hours the ship lay still in the ice field while repairs were done.

In some places the chief officer said that large blocks of ice four feet thick were piled up three and four deep, and excepting ice in the Arctic regions he had never seen anything like it. If a tramp steamer got in there she would be in great danger.

Their work they expected to occupy nine or ten days, but they had been a month on the job. Snowing and blowing most of the time, with the thick ice all around made their work very uncomfortable and difficult and when close to St. Pierre the weather got so boisterous that they had to put in for shelter.

It is quite evident that the ice is working its way to the southward and the heavy southwest currents and northeast winds which prevail at this time of the year are likely to have a telling effect in carrying it in that direction and in the path of the fishermen.

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NOTHING DOING UP AT T WHARF

No Arrivals This Morning
and Stores Clear for
Monday Arrivals.

T wharf's fish story this morning was a brief one, business being quiet from the fact that Saturday is closing day, and there was not an arrival of any description on hand.

Outside of the few boxes shipped from here from yesterday's gill netters, there would have been nothing doing in the fresh fish line at all.

Yesterday afternoon, the steam trawler Spray arrived from Georges with 27,000 pounds of haddock, 2000 scrod and 4000 cod.

Shore fish sold as follows: Haddock, \$3.50 a hundred weight, large cod, \$4, market cod, \$2.50 and pollock, \$4.

Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are:
Str. Spray, 29,000 haddock, 4000 cod.
Haddock, \$3.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$4 per cwt.; market cod, \$2.50 per cwt.; pollock, \$4 per cwt.

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They Keep Building.

On Saturday morning a fine schooner was launched from the yard of Smith & Rhuland, the well known builders. As she slid into the water she was christened "Arcona" and will be a valuable addition to the Lunenburg fishing fleet. Capt. Charles Knicle who will command her, is one of the owners. She is 120 feet over all; 26 feet beam and 101-2 hold.—Lunenburg Press.

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Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.50; mediums, \$3.75. snappers, \$3.
Georges halibut codfish, large, \$4.50; mediums, \$4.
Cusk, large, \$2.25; mediums, \$1.75; snappers, \$1.25.
Pollock, \$1.50.
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Wrecked Crew Bound Home.

On board the Boston steamer L. V. Stoddard, due at New York next week from Seville, Spain, are Capt. Vallis and the five men, composing the crew of the British schooner Mary A. Whalen, which was abandoned at sea in a sinking condition, while on a passage from Grand Banks, N. F., for Oporto, Spain. The shipwrecked sailors were rescued by the Italian steamer Ravenna, which landed them at Seville. Capt. Bergman of the Stoddard agreed to bring the men to this country upon the request of the American and British consuls at Seville. The Mary A. Whalen was formerly the Boston fishing schooner of that name, and for years she ran regularly to T wharf. She was sold a few years ago to J. B. Patten and W. Forsay of St. John's, N. F., at which time she surrendered her American registry and was enrolled under the British flag.

Dominion Ice Report.

The Halifax, N. S., Board of Trade has received the following ice report: Heath Point—Heavy open ice everywhere.

Magdalen Islands—Heavy close packed.

Cape Ray—Heavy close packed distant.

Money Point—Heavy open inshore.

Cape Race—No ice.
No communication with St. Paul's Island.

Schooner Sold.

Sch. Electric Flash, owned by James E. Bradley and built at Essex in 1901, measuring 116.22 tons gross and 80.05 tons net, has been sold to Burin, N. F. parties through the agency of Fred Chase, Boston. The craft sailed to Boston yesterday afternoon, prior to her trip to her new home port.

In Good Quarters.

The steamer Alcona has been docked for the winter at the wharves of Messrs. Taylor & Roberts and soon the patent freezer will in turn be frozen in.—Western Star, February 12.

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FISHERMEN GO TO VANCOUVER

The Yarmouth, N. S., Herald of Tuesday last says that Messrs. Peter Kenney, Howard Nickerson, Martin Nickerson, Frank Goodwin, Russell Colleshaw, Alexander Phillips, Ensley Brannen, Loui Lindstrom, of Clark's Harbor, Austin Reid, of Stony Island; James Gardner, of Argyle, and Frank Blades, of Lockport, left by D. A. R. train on Saturday morning via St. John for Vancouver, C. B. to go fishing out of that port.

All the above are well known here, from which port they had been fishing from several seasons.